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Laird retires from KDOT

Ellen Laird, IT Project Manager in the Division of Operations for the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), is retiring on Dec. 18 after 35 years of service to the state of Kansas.

Laird began her career in 1980 in KDOT's Bureau of Construction and Maintenance as a Clerk Typist II. She then worked at the Kansas Department of Revenue for three years, returning in 1989 as a Programmer Analyst in the Bureau of Computer Services. She was promoted several times in the bureau, lastly as the Applications Development Supervisor in 2007. She has been in her current position since 2008.

During her time as a programmer, Laird developed and implemented an interface to state payroll (Sharp) for all KDOT employees. As project manager, she helped to implement an application called Crew Card for maintenance crews that collects labor, equipment and materials that interfaces with other systems.

After she retires, Laird plans to spend time with family and friends as well as volunteer. She and her husband, Mark, have two children and three grandchildren. They reside in Topeka.

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